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Join us at the library for a Family Holiday Festival, have your holiday pictures taken and more this December at the library

This December, the library is packed with some fantastic holiday events for everyone to enjoy. The West Oaks branch host the second annual Family Holiday Festival on December 1. Bring the entire family for a fun-filled day of activities, food, prizes and more. Then visit the Melrose Center at the Orlando Public Library on December 9 and have your Holiday Family Picture taken with family or friends. Make sure to bring a USB drive to save your photos.

Chef Yamira Lee Johnson of Breaking Bread with Mira will visit the library for Cuisine Corner's Easy Holiday Meals. Join us at the Washington Park branch on December 6 or the South Creek branch on December 15 and learn how to prepare some easy holiday dishes for the busy holiday season.

Check out our Spanish twitter account @OCLSespanol for everyday content, as well as our Facebook page, @oclslib. If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

miércoles, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

jueves, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

martes, 4 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

jueves, 7 y 21 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

martes, 11 de diciembre, 6:30 p.m.

Ven y asiste a la sucursal más cercana a ti para que compartas y discutas poesías, literatura, arte o historia! Todos son bienvenidos.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

Thursdays, December 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.

World AIDS Day: A Day of Remembrance

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, December 1, 10–2 p.m.

Join Hope & Help in remembrance of lost family and friends. Visit the Albertson Room to view *The Age of AIDS*, a PBS documentary that follows the trials and triumphs of the AIDS epidemic. Hope & Health will also offer HIV/STI education along with no-cost HIV and Hepatitis C testing. For more information, visit hopeandhelp.org.

Family Holiday Festival

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Saturday, December 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Holiday cheer is here! Again! You are invited to our Second Annual Family Holiday Festival. Enjoy a day filled with fun, photos and food. Bring the whole family to have a holiday photo taken, make a holiday bracelet and enjoy holiday stories and crafts for the kids. Light refreshments will be served while you mingle and meet others. Enter to win a fantastic family prize. Registration required.

LEGO Block Party

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out! Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO – you provide the creativity. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

Mama Gansa

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Wednesdays, December 5–19, 1:15 p.m.

A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills! Recommended for babies.

Improve Your English Reading Workshop

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Wednesdays, December 5–26, 6–8 p.m.

Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This event is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library

System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adulthoodliteracyleague.org.

Cuisine Corner: Easy Holiday Meals

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Thursday, December 6, 6 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, December 15, 11 a.m.

Discover how you can make holiday meals that are delicious and nutritious. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to create easy holiday dishes. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit breakingbreadwithmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required. Register online at ocls.info or call 407.835.7323.

Cuentame un Cuento: Tell Me a Story Bilingual Stories and Fun

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, December 7, 11 a.m.

Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. The whole family is welcome.

Holiday Family Photos

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, December 9, 2–5 p.m.

The holiday season is here! We would like to invite families and groups to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Bring a USB drive to save your photos.

Let's Knit! Practice Lab

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Sunday, December 9, 3:30 p.m.

Join us to practice knitting! An experienced instructor will be available to answer questions.

Local Authors Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, December 16, 2–4 p.m.

Signed books make the best gifts! Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival.

Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Family Zumba

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, December 19, Noon

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class. Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes recommended. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–17.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop and Holiday Party

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions.

Genealogy researchers, whether beginning or advanced, are invited to submit a research question.

Participate in our group discussion workshop to share information on genealogy resources, research and methodology to start finding answers. Genealogy Center staff will lead the discussion and can help direct you to possible answers, resources, types of records, databases and websites. Just think: a safe haven for all those family history queries! Registration required. For more information and to submit your questions, email genealogy@ocls.info or call 407.835.7651.

English Classes for Families

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Mondays & Tuesdays, January 8–March 12, 6–8 p.m.

Saturdays, January 12–March 16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

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